

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒ no

Property Name: 122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road Inventory Number: M: 28-7-7
Address: 122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road (MD 108) Historic district: yes ☒ no
City: Ashton Zip Code: 20861 County: Montgomery
USGS Quadrangle(s): Sandy Spring
Property Owner: Barry Newton Tax Account ID Number: 08-00719628
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 423 Tax Map Number: JT342
Project: MD 108 at MD 650 Intersection Improvements Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration
Preparer's Name: Melissa Hess Date Prepared: 10/31/2006
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road is located within the crossroads community of Ashton in western Montgomery County, approximately ten miles north of Washington, D.C. Ashton is one of several villages within the roughly one hundred-square miles of the greater neighborhood of Sandy Spring. Ashton, along with other crossroads communities such as, Brookeville, Brighton, Brinklow, Ednor, Norbeck, and Olney, developed as small commercial and residential centers that served the surrounding rural region. These communities had ties to the Quaker village of Sandy Spring, which offered community institutions such as banks, an insurance company, a meetinghouse, and various clubs and social groups. Located less than a mile away, Ashton had a particularly strong affiliation with Sandy Spring.

In 1860, Charles Porter and Caleb Stabler opened a general store on the southwest corner of the intersection of present-day New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) and Olney-Sandy Spring Road (MD 108). The store was the nucleus of what would become Ashton. Other important services in the village included the shops of a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tinsmith, a carriage maker, and a cobbler, and scales for weighing produce and livestock. The crossroads may also have been the site of a slave market. In its early years, Ashton was known as Porter's Corner. In 1889, Ashton became the village's official name with the establishment of a post office, which was located in the general store. The name is said to be a derivative of the names of two nearby country estates,

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From the 1880s to the 1920s, more homes were built in Ashton, beginning with the construction of several Victorian-style homes and later with the addition of several bungalows, such as 122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road. Ashton remained a rural crossroads until the second half of the twentieth century, when the intensifying suburban growth of Montgomery County altered the village character of Ashton. New housing developments were constructed in the Ashton vicinity and several historic buildings within the town's core were demolished. In the 1980s, a commercial strip mall was built on the northwest corner of the main intersection, as well as a bank and several gas stations.

Around 1925, B. Peyton Brown built the bungalow at 122 Olney-Sandy Spring road on a lot that had previously been the corner of the athletic field for the Sherwood School. Brown owned a store at the corner of Colesville Pike (MD 650) and Laurel Road (MD 198), which is still known as "Brown's Corner." The house was sold in October 1943. In 1947, Margaret and Wendall Spencer bought the house. The current owners bought the house in 1977.

122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road is representative of Craftsman-style bungalows constructed in Maryland during the early-twentieth century. The use of rock-faced concrete block as the primary building material is a common characteristic of bungalows constructed in Montgomery County at this time. Patented in 1900, rock-faced concrete block became one of the leading building materials in the United States. The concrete blocks were an inexpensive, fast, and straightforward alternative to more traditional materials, with a block costing between thirteen and twenty cents to manufacture in 1910. The material was fireproof, required no paint, and needed little care. One of the most important reasons for the popularity of concrete block was its ornamental possibilities, such as can be seen in the distinctive front porch supports on 122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road.

Built circa 1925, 122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road is a one-and-one-half-story bungalow with a rectangular plan. The house is three bays wide and two units deep. The structure is rock-faced concrete block, and asphalt shingles cover the side-gable roof. The gable ends have been sided with asbestos shingles. There is a one-unit, one-story projection on the south elevation. The north slope of the roof features a hipped-roof dormer with exposed rafter tails and an exterior brick chimney and the south slope features an identical dormer and an interior end brick chimney. The majority of the original wood, six-over-six or six-over-one, double-hung sash windows are intact. There is an inset porch on the front façade, or north elevation, which features fluted concrete pillars and a wooden porch floor, reached by concrete steps. The wooden front door is located on the central bay of the front façade and features a transom and sidelights. The south elevation has an inset porch and an original, wooden rear entry door. The foundation is constructed of concrete block. There is a hipped-roof garage on the property with wood siding, which is most likely original. The garage has been altered with a modern garage door.

In October 2006, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) received permission from the current owner of 122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road to enter the premise and inspect the interior, but did not receive permission to take interior photographs. The original floor plan of the house is completely intact, as is the majority of the trim, doors, and flooring. Compared to other bungalows in Ashton, 122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road has had no major additions or alterations and retains its original materials. Further, the building has been continuously used as a single family dwelling since its construction.

122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road retains its historic integrity. The property maintains its historic location on the south side of Olney-Sandy Spring Road in the village of Ashton. The property retains the integrity of its historic setting. The property's design has not been significantly modified. Many of the building's historic materials are intact and visible, with the exception of the original wood shingles on the gable ends that were covered with asbestos shingles. Examples of early twentieth-century workmanship are evident in the original windows, the rock-faced concrete block, and the unique concrete pillars on the front porch. The property's feeling as a Craftsman style bungalow and its association with the early twentieth-century residential growth of Ashton are

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apparent due to the property's overall architectural integrity.

122 Olney-Sandy Spring is recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The property is not eligible under Criterion A. While the property is associated with the early twentieth-century residential growth of Ashton, this trend does not constitute a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. The property is not eligible under Criterion B. Though a former owner was a store owner in a nearby crossroads community, the activities of the former owners are not demonstrably important within a local, state, or national context. 122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road is eligible under Criterion C, as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. With its use of rock-faced concrete block, 122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road embodies distinctive characteristics of early-twentieth-century domestic architecture in Montgomery County. The building has been continuously used as a single family dwelling since its construction. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D.

The historic boundary of 122 Olney-Sandy Spring Road is coterminous with the boundaries of tax parcel number 423 on tax map JT342.

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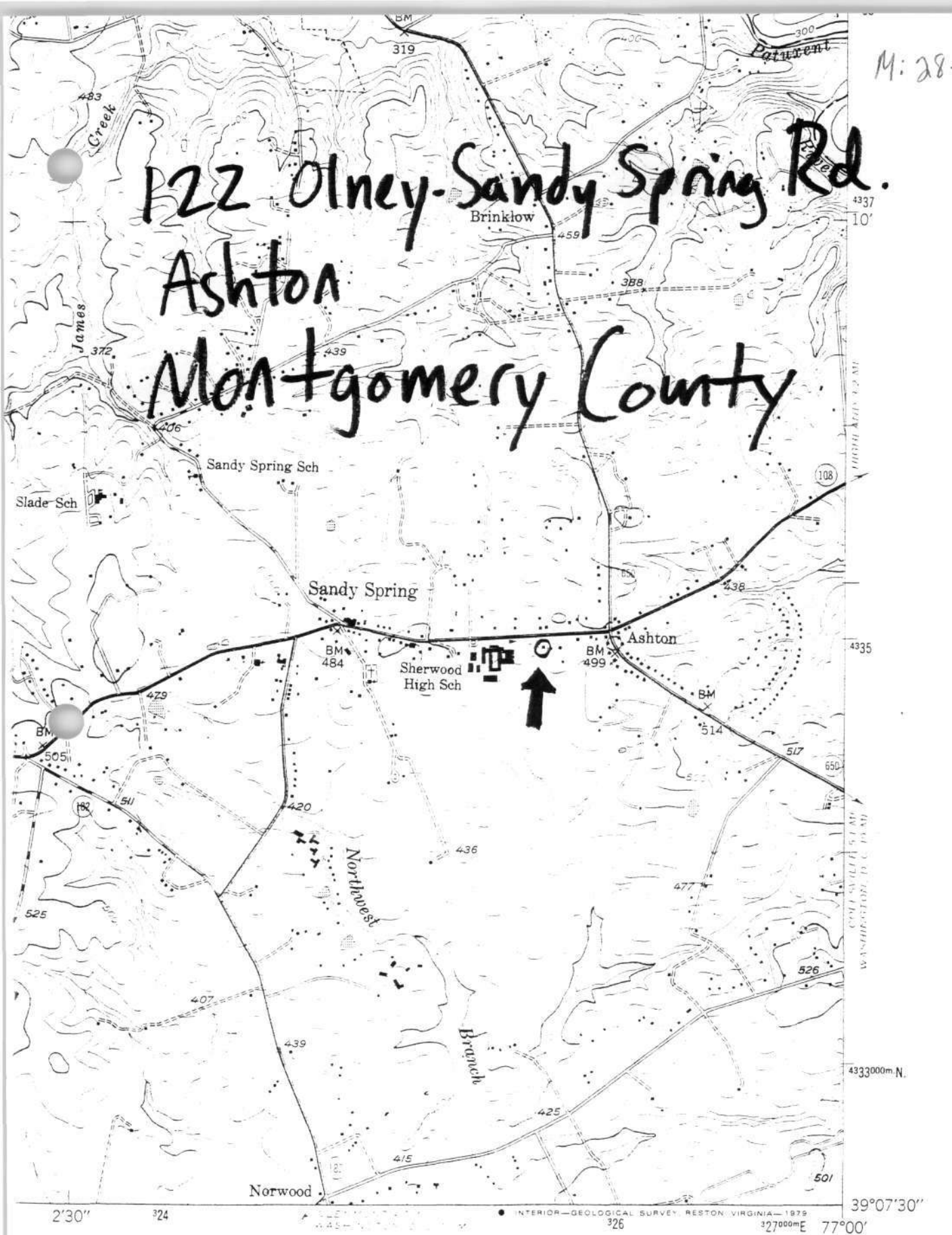


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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

HARD-SURFACE ALL WEATHER ROADS DRY WEATHER ROADS
Heavy-duty _____ Improved dirt _____
Medium-duty _____ Unimproved dirt _____
Loose-surface, graded, or narrow hard-surface _____
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North Elevation, View Southwest

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North Elevation, View South

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Front Porch, View East

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East Elevation, View West

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West Elevation detail

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West Elevation, View Northeast

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